**Developmental Projects**

1964. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the on-going projects in infrastructural sectors during 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, till date;

(b) the target fixed for these years;

(c) the measures being taken for early completion of the projects;

(d) the amount sanctioned for these projects, State-wise; and

(e) the yearly amount released and utilised, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (e) The status of implementation of 470 on-going infrastructure projects in the Central Sector, each costing Rs. 20 crores and above, as on 1st July, 2001, alongwith details of completion of projects, allocation and utilisation of funds during the last 4 years as well as in the current year, state-wise and year-wise, are given in the Annexure. *[See* Appendix 194, Annexure No.]

The measures taken for early completion of these projects are as follows:

(i) review of projects on monthly as well as quarterly basis by the Government;

(ii) indepth critical review of the progress by the Project Authorities and the administrative Ministries and follow up with the State Governments (for acquisition of land and provision of infrastructure facilities like water and power, ensuring law & order at project sites, etc.), consultants and other concerned agencies to minimise delays;

(iii) setting up of empowered Committees in the concerned administrative Ministries for resolution of problems;

(iv) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving problems of inter-ministerial nature;

(v) making available matching funds on yearly basis based on updated costs to ensure timely completion of projects in advanced stages of implementation; and

(vi) reviews by the Minister-in-charge, the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretariat.

MR CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned for the day.

The House then adjourned at five minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Friday, the 7th December, 2001.